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SUBJECT: FURTHER COMMENTS BY SECSTATE STIRN ON FTAI

REF: PARIS 33444

1. STATEMENT OF FRENCH VIEWS CONTAINED REFTEL MOST WELCOME AND TIMELY. NSC'S SENIOR REVIEW GROUP HAD MET ON NOVEMBER 4 AND DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD PROPOSE CONSULTATIONS ON FTAI TO THE FRENCH. INSTRUCTION WAS IN CLEARANCE PROCESS WHEN REFTEL RECEIVED. IN VIEW OUR INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT YOU SHOULD NOW PROCEED AS FOLLOWS.

2. YOU SHOULD CALL ON STIRN AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- USG WAS PLEASED TO BE SO FULLY INFORMED ON PRESENT FRENCH INTENTIONS FOR THE FTAI AS IT HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN CONCERNED OVER CONSEQUENCES OF FTAI'S IMPENDING INDEPENDENCE.

-- WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED BY FRENCH INTENTION TO MAINTAIN A GARRISON IN THE TERRITORY AS WE BELIEVE THIS IS MOST EFFECTIVE DETERRENT TO SOMALI OR ETHIOPIA RECKLESSNESS IN PURSUING THEIR INTERESTS IN THE POST-INDEPENDENCE FTAI.

-- WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST FRENCH BY REASSURING THE FTAI'S NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE SINCERITY OF THE FRENCH DESIRE TO SUPPORT A TRULY INDEPENDENT STATE. WE WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO TALK TO OTHER STATES IN THE AREA OR OUTSIDE OF IT WITH WHOM WE HAVE ESPECIALLY CLOSE TIES, AS WELL AS WITH APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WITH A VIEW TO GAINING WIDER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION IN THE FTAI AND THE DESIRABILITY OF A CONTINUED FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE.

-- WITH RESPECT TO ETHIOPIA, AS THE GOF IS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, OUR INFLUENCE THERE IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN IT ONCE WAS. NONETHELESS, THE USG IS WILLING TO CONTINUE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WITH THE GOE TO COUNSEL RESTRAINT WITH REGARD TO AN INDEPENDENT FTAI WHICH WILL HAVE A CLEAR ECONOMIC INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH THE GOE WHATEVER THE COMPOSITION OF THE FTAI GOVERNMENT.

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-- IF STIRN OR OTHER FRENCH OFFICIAL SHOULD REQUEST US TO MAKE A DEMARCHE TO THE SOVIETS ON THIS SUBJECT YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT YOU WILL REPORT THIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. IN CLOSING, YOU SHOULD TELL FRENCH OFFICIALS THAT USG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING CONSULTATIONS FURTHER, IF FRENCH SO DESIRE. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEND APPROPRIATE-

LY HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS TO PARIS, OR TO WELCOME FRENCH OFFICIALS TO WASHINGTON, AND SUGGEST THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO DO SO IN EARLY DECEMBER. SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD INCLUDE:

A. RESPECTIVE ANALYSES OF THE SITUATION IN THE HORN AND IMPLICATIONS OF FTAI'S INDEPENDENCE.

B. FRENCH IDEAS ON HOW U.S. DIPLOMATIC ACTION CAN SUPPORT FRENCH EFFORTS TO ENSURE PEACEFUL EVOLUTION OF FTAI TO INDEPENDENCE AND BEYOND, AND ACCEPTANCE OF FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE BEYOND INDEPENDENCE.

C. PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO FTAI AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

4. YOU MAY FOLLOW UP APPROACH TO STIRN BY MAKING SIMILAR POINTS WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE GOF OFFICIALS IF YOU BELIEVE SUCH TO BE USEFUL. KISSINGER

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